(b) the names of the corporate sectors, land allotted in acres, period of lease and any social sector obligations for the area and displaced people of the said land allocation?

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) (a) and (b) The details of proposals received from State Government of Jharkhand for grant of mining lease for iron ore in which prior approval of Ministry of Mines has been conveyed in the last five years (till 31/03/2006) is given below. No separate data regarding the applicants who are steel manufacturers is maintained at Government of India level.

Sl.No.	Name of applicant	Area	Period of lease
1.	Shri Bechan Singh	106.59 acres	20 years
2.	M/s Usha Martin Industries Ltd.	383.20 acres	20 years
3.	M/s Balaji Industrial Products Ltd.	420.95 acres	20 years
4.	M/s Niranjan Hi-Tech Ltd.	356.18 acres	20 years
5.	M/s A.M.L. Steel & Power Ltd.	383.54 acres	20 years
6.	M/s Prasad Group Resources Pvt. Ltd.	275.23 acres	20 years

No specific information is available regarding displacement of people in above cases. However, the National Policy on Resettlement and Rehabilitation of Project Affected Families - 2003 (NPRR-2003) lays down minimum provisions to be given to displaced/ousted people, and is applicable to projects displacing 500 families or more *en masse* in plain areas or 250 families or more in hilly areas, Desert Development Programme (DDP) Blocks and areas mentioned in Scheduled V and VI of the Constitution of India.

Empowerment of minorities in the country

2484. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI:
SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Human Development Report, 2004 has emphasized the need for empowerment of minorities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or being taken for empowerment of minorities in the country?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) to (c) Human Development Report, 2004: Cultural Liberty in Today's Diverse World parepared by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is a global report underlining the need for respecting diversity and building.more inclusive socities by adopting policies that explicitly recognize cultural differences. The report itself recognizes the constitutional and legal safeguard provided for minorities in India.

Backward classes among minorities

2485. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of backward class people among minorities indicating the reasons for their backwardness

(b) the remedial measures taken by the Government for removal of their backwardness;

(c) whether Government would keep in mind both of these points while providing reservation to the minorities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) to (d) Some minority communities are notified in the list of other Backward Classes. The benefits given to backward classes are also available to the minority community.

Representation from minority community

2486. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations from minority community leaders stating that some State Governments are enacting laws impinging upon the minority rights enshrined in the constitution;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?